

REMARKS

In the November 5, 2004 Office Action, claims 8-14 are rejected for failing to indicate and claim particularly and distinctly the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-7 are indicated as being allowed. Claims 8-14 are also indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. No other objections or rejections are made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the November 5, 2004 Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 8 as presented above. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. Thus, claims 1-14 are pending, with claims 1 and 8 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Specification

Applicant has found typographical and grammatical errors upon review of the specification as filed. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the specification as presented above. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by the amendment to the specification. Applicant also believes that the specification as amended above is now correct and complies with 37 CFR §1.71 and 1.75(d)(1).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. More specifically, the Office Action notes that the recitation of a cap member in claim 8 is misdescriptive. In response, Applicant has amended claim 8 according to the helpful suggestion of the Office Action. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for

his helpful suggestion and thorough examination of the present application. Applicant believes that the claims now comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 1-7 are indicated as being allowed and claims 8-14 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. In response, Applicant has amended claim 8 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. Thus, claims 8-14, as well as claims 1-7, are now believed to be allowable.

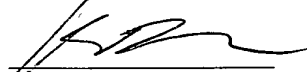
Prior Art Citation

In the Office Action, additional prior art references are made of record. Applicant believes that these references do not render the claimed invention obvious.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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